

KING COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 18, 2004

Unapproved DRAFT Meeting Notes

Members in Attendance

William Beck
Steve Goldstein
Jim Hodge
Max Pope
Ray Schlien
Shirley Shimada
Judy Stenberg

Others in Attendance

Pam Badger
Mark Buscher
Geraldine Cole
Kevin Kiernan
Kathryn Killinger
Tami Litras
Diane Yates

Action Items

Lines 6-7: Approval of May minutes held over for the September meeting.
Lines 68-69: Division should charge for its Junk Vehicle service and report back to SWAC in September.
Line 137: Place change in conflict of interest procedures on September agenda.
Line 143: Tour of Cedar Grove Compost facility scheduled for July 16th.

Call to Order

Chair Stenberg called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. Stenberg thanked Vice-Chair Hooper for sitting in for her the last 2 meetings.

Approval of Minutes and Review of Agenda

Since a quorum was not present, the May 2004 minutes were held over for the September meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

Facilities and Operations Subcommittee

No report. May meeting was cancelled.

WRR Subcommittee

No report. May meeting was cancelled.

Budget Update

Geraldine Cole, Assistant Division Director, reported that Solid Waste Division is finalizing its 2005 budget for submission to the Executive in July. Tonnage has gone up. Assumptions were made about the regional direct rate. The budget was developed with the assumption that the county would prevail in the lawsuit. The budget will be voted on by the King County Council the Monday before Thanksgiving.

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23 **Program Updates:**

24 *Illegal Dumping Task Force (IDTF)*

25 Pam Badger, Special Waste Supervisor, reported that the Illegal Dumping Task Force (IDTF)
26 consists of representatives from a number of county agencies including Public Health, the
27 Department of Development and Environmental Services, the Sheriff's Office, Prosecuting
28 Attorneys' Office and Solid Waste Division. The team developed a proposal that included the
29 following:

- 30 1. A single phone number (hot line) for reporting illegal dumping,
31 2. Dumping fee waivers for private property owners that are victims of illegal dumping,
32 3. Some funds for publicity.

33 The county can do clean up on public property only, not on private property.

34 Other task force proposals included:

- 35 1. Make the county enforcement system more effective.
36 2. Increase emphasis on field investigator's safety.
37 3. Develop an illegal dumping prevention program.

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39 In response to a question, Cole said there is no budget surplus projected in 2005.
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41 *Junk Vehicles*

42 Badger reported that the Division is the only county agency to provide Junk Vehicle Services.
43 Repeat customers are common. In 2003 there were 665 cases. Some sites have over 100
44 vehicles.

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46 Currently, the first vehicle is free. The Division charges \$25.00 for each additional vehicle. The
47 cost of the service is \$75.00 per vehicle. The Division is interested in SWAC's
48 recommendation on fees for this service. Should the Division charge the full cost for recovery?
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50 SWAC member Steve Goldstein responded that it's a disincentive at any cost. He would
51 discourage any charge.

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53 Beck asked if there is an ordinance that limits or regulates how many vehicles are allowed on
54 private property.

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56 Badger responded that there is an ordinance that states eight working vehicles are allowed.

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58 Kevin Kiernan, Engineering Services Manager, stated that a private property owner cannot
59 legally remove a vehicle left on their property. The Solid Waste Division offers services to
60 assist with the removal.

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62 SWAC member Shirley Shimada suggested \$100.00 be charged for disposal if over a certain
63 number of vehicles.

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65 Goldstein commented that Snohomish County has a grant program for their Junk Vehicle
66 Program.

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68 **SWAC agreed that the Division should charge for the service and asked that the Division**
69 **let SWAC know the final decision on implementing a fee for the service at its September**
70 **meeting.**

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72 **Waste Export Update**

73 Mark Buscher, Lead Planner, reported on the status of the Waste Export Implementation Plan.
74 The plan will be submitted to Council in June 2005. Cities want to look at the system in its
75 entirety, including transfer stations.

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77 Division and county council staff are meeting regularly with the cities to begin developing a
78 Waste Export System Plan that will look at Level of Service Standards for the Transfer Stations
79 as well as for an intermodal facility.

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81 The key change in this plan is our approach. We aren't changing what we are trying to
82 accomplish. The objective here is what is best for the region. Not how to use the Harbor Island
83 property.

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85 **SWD Changes Update**

86 *Hours Changes*

87 Kiernan reported on changes in operating hours at facilities takes affect on June 28th.

Waste Management is bringing its tonnage through the Division's transfer stations, rather than regional direct. Hours at the Bow Lake Transfer Station are being increased to 21 ½ hours/day to accommodate the haulers.

In response to concern that the change in hours will encourage illegal dumping, Kiernan replied there has not been any increase in illegal dumping at the rural facilities where the days of operation have been reduced.

Service Changes

At the Factoria Transfer Station, free recyclables collection is no longer provided. The City of Bellevue requested that the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection pilot program become a permanent service at Factoria. The HHW collection area had been located adjacent to the regular recyclables collection area. To accommodate the space needs for the HHW collection area, the free recyclables collection area had to be eliminated.

Layoff Update

There is one remaining employee that has not been placed

1% for the Arts at 1st NE – Discussion

The Cultural Development Authority (CDA) and the Solid Waste Division have had a long cooperative relationship. The artist works directly with the engineers to gather information on how the facility operates, and observes how customers use the facility. The concepts are then developed from these meetings and observations. All projects are reviewed and approved by the CDA Public Art Advisory Committee. The Vashon and Enumclaw Transfer Station projects were very successful. The CDA has the final authority to make decisions on public art projects. Yates said that Cath Brunner of the CDA informed her that SWAC can submit their comments on the proposed art at First Northeast Transfer Station to the CDA or attend its meeting on July 15th.

Conflict of Interest Procedures – Discussion

Yates said that the Division is open to considering changes to its conflict of interest procedures as long as the procedures comply with the county's ethic rules.

Kathryn Killinger, Prosecuting Attorney, stated the County Code is explicit in reference to Conflict of Interest. Board and Commission members must disclose any real or apparent conflict of interest to the Division and the committee and abstain from participating in discussion and voting. The current procedures require that members who a real or apparent conflict of interest leave the room during discussion.

SWAC member Max Pope stated that in every instance in five different states where there was a conflict of interest, the person was able to be present during the discussion, express opinions, but sometimes were not able to vote.

SWAC member Jim Hodge said he was willing to abide by rules but would like to see the procedures changed so a member with a conflict would not have to leave the room.

Stenberg commented that it appears members are agreeable with maintaining the procedures with one change, which it to permit members who may have a conflict of interest to remain in the room during discussion and voting.

Beck suggested that this change be brought to the full SWAC at its next meeting for a vote.

Recruitment Update

Yates talked to Dan Scott from Teamsters Local 174, and sent an application. No response yet.

Field Trip Reminder

Cedar Grove Compost Facility, Friday July 16th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Submitted by:

Tami Litras, Solid Waste Division Staff